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PERMITTING CUSTOMERS TO)
ORDER SELECTED PRODUCTS)
FROM A VAST ARRAY OF)
PRODUCTS OFFERED BY)
MULTIPLE PARTICIPATING)
MERCHANTS AND RELATED)
SECURITY APPLICATIONS)



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